The Interview A Chance to Take a Closer Look!

The Interview

Interviewing is your opportunity to:

Educate the volunteer about your organization and its mission and determine if potential volunteer "fits" your organization's needs.

- 1. Explain how the volunteer position fits in your agency's mission and goals
- 2. Review Job Description
- 3. State specific requirements/information not in Job Description
- 4. Assess the skills and abilities of the potential volunteer
- 5. Follow up on questions from the enrollment application form (background checks, references, etc.)
- 6. Your opportunity to accept or decline a potential volunteer
- 7. Expand upon the volunteer position, "sell" your need/s eye to on-going work and promotions
- 8. Get to know more about the volunteer
- Assess their commitment level
- 10. Determine what is motivating the volunteer (for successful retention)
- 11. Establish a file on your potential volunteer for current or future use (or declined) – Document, Document, Document!

TIP: Have a list of questions to ask based on the application, references, background checks, etc.

The Interview should fit the job - Give enough time

- 1. 45 minutes to 1 hour for long term/complex job
- 2. 5 30 minutes for short term/simple jobs

Create a safe environment - use a private space.

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